

electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote without intervening business provided that the time for voting on the first of any series of questions shall be not less than fifteen minutes.

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**Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization:** The House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 3322, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government, but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, May 30. Pages H5574–H5625

Agreed To:

The Walker amendment that specifies technical and conforming changes, and removes provisions dealing with various programs including the National Ocean Service, Ocean and Great Lakes Programs, and the NOAA corps and fleet;

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The Schiff amendment that increases funding for the National Science Foundation Research and Related Activities account by \$41 million; Pages H5587–89

The Gekas amendment that directs the National Weather Service to review the NEXRAD network radar coverage pattern for inadequate coverage and assess the feasibility of using the FAA terminal Doppler Weather Radars to provide weather radar data to nearby weather forecast offices;

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The Thornberry amendment that requires the Secretary of Defense, in conjunction with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to take immediate action to ensure that the NEXRADs operated by the Department of Defense comply with the same standards, quality, and availability as the National Weather Service operated NEXRADs;

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The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that any recipient of a grant under this Act should purchase when available and cost-effective, American made equipment and products when expending grant monies;

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The Romer amendment, as modified, that defines endocrine disrupter research and requires EPA to submit to Congress a plan for conducting research to assess the risk to human health and the environment;

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The Cramer amendment, as modified, that prohibits the Secretary of Commerce from closing weather service field offices without first certifying that service to the affected area will not be degraded by the closure, and defines a streamlined certification process for this purpose; and

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The Ehlers amendment that removes provisions that rename the National Science Foundation to the National Science and Engineering Foundation and

the National Science Board to the National Science and Engineering Board (agreed to by a recorded vote of 339 ayes to 58 noes with one voting "present", Roll No. 198).

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Rejected:

The Lofgren amendment that sought to increase National Science Foundation funding for salaries and expense, remove a provision that eliminates one directorate, and direct a reorganization plan to reduce administrative cost (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 196); and

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The Brown of California amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to authorize additional funding for various science, research, and technology programs and agencies including the National Science Foundation, NASA, the Department of Energy, NOAA, and EPA.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5647.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5571.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5613, H5613–14, and H5618–19. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported a measure making appropriations for the foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

### SHIPBUILDING TRADE AGREEMENT ACT

*Committee on National Security:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2754, Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

The rule waives points of order against the consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XXI (3-day requirement for availability of

printed hearings and the report). The rule also waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills), and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances).

The rule accords priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone recorded votes on any amendment and the chairman may reduce the voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the vote takes place immediately following another recorded vote and that the voting time on the first in a series of questions be not less than 15 minutes.

The rule further provides that if a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted is offered by the Majority Leader or a designee, after the reading of the final lines of the bill, it shall be precedence over a motion to amend. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Vucanovich and Hefner.

#### MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT CIVILIAN AIRPORTS—HIGH PERFORMANCE TAKE-OFFS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on High-Performance take-offs by Military Aircraft at Civilian Airports. Testimony was heard from Representative Clement; Bill F. Jeffers, Director of Air Traffic, FAA, Department of Transportation; RAdm. Dennis V. McGinn, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, Naval Operations, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

#### IC21

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met to receive a briefing on IC21—Intelligence Community in the 21st Century. The Committee was briefed by John White, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense; and John M. Deutch, Director, CIA.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1996

##### Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

#### NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E947 in today's Record.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry, to consider the following: H.R. 2670, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, MI; H.R. 2023, to provide for a land exchange between the Ironton Country Club of Ironton, OH, and the Secretary of Agriculture involving Wayne National Forest; H.R. 3387, to designate the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, GA, as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resources Conservation Center"; H.R. 3464, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, MO, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements; and a measure to provide for the Rockwell Ranch Land Exchange, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 4 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Contract Issues and Quality Standards for Managed Care, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Federal Government's Role in Promoting Natural Gas Vehicles, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities,* to mark up H.R. 3268, IDEA Improvement Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense: Responding to the Current Ballistic Missile Threat, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on the U.S. Role in Iranian Arms Transfers to Bosnia and Croatia, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Southeast Asia Regional Security: Dragons, Dominoes, and Dynamos, 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3434, Revolving Door Act of 1996; H.R. 3435, Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act of 1996; and H.R. 3396, Defense of Marriage Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the mineral resources survey programs of the United States Geological Survey, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following: H.R. 3487, National Marine Sanctuaries Preservation Act; and the Federal Oceanographic Coordination Improvement Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.